

# Thursday Things in US History

Entrance task: Prepare for a quiz!

Today: Problems for workers

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## Forms of Business Organizations

**Proprietorship**: single owner of a business

**Partnership**: a. an agreement bet. 2 or more people to be in business w/each other

b. The persons are bound by a contract

### Weaknesses of Proprietorships & Partnerships

- ✓ Inability to raise large sums of money
- ✓ Unlimited liability (legally responsible)
- ✓ Disrupted by death
- ✓ Disagreements among partners

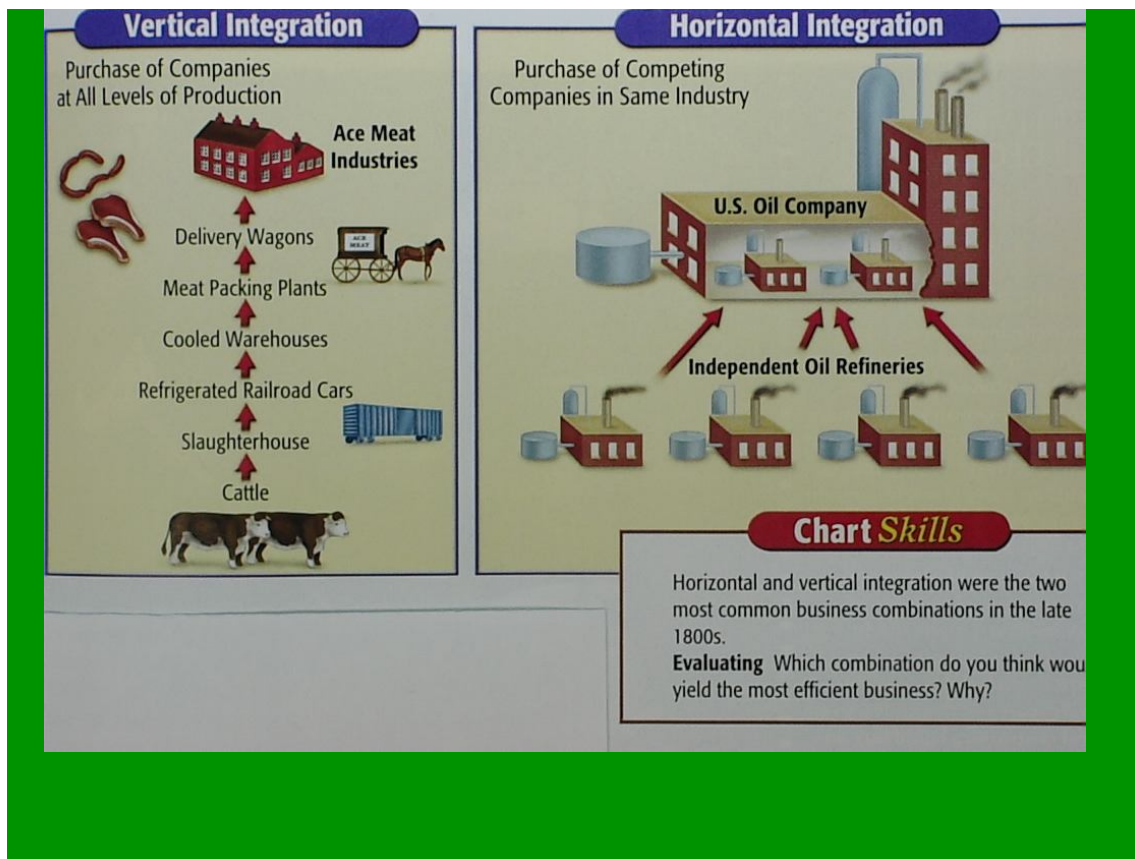
**Corporation**: A group of people who are granted a charter (contract) recognizing it as a separate legal entity with its own rights, privileges, and liabilities separate from those of its members.

Advantages of Corporation	Disadvantages of Corporation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Ability to raise large amounts of capital (sell stock)</li> <li>✓ Has limited liability</li> <li>✓ Has perpetual life</li> <li>✓ Easy transfer of ownership</li> <li>✓ Continue to exist even if one or more owners die.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Public records</li> <li>✓ Impersonal</li> <li>✓ Profits are taxed twice</li> <li>✓ Developed into monopolies &amp; cartels</li> </ul>

**Monopoly**: exclusive control of a product or service in a market

**Cartel**: a group formed to regulate prices and supply (output)

**Trust**: a group of separate companies placed under the control of a single managing board; illegal since it makes it possible to control prices and destroy competition



# QUIZ!!!!

# Child Labor in America

- \* Similar to those in Europe in mid-1700s
- \* No major reform for child labor until 1938
- \* CW page 11-12



1. Why was child labor not much of a concern during the 1800s?
  - \* Child labor on the farm was common so working in mills or factories wasn't of a concern.
  - \* Belief that child employment benefited poor families and the community at large.
2. How did Lewis Hine's photography influence federal legislation regarding child labor?
  - \* Mr. Hine documented through his photographs the gross violations of laws meant to protect children.  
As a result, many states passed stricter laws banning the employment of underage children.  
In 1938, the Fair Labor Standards Act (aka Federal Wage and Hour Law).

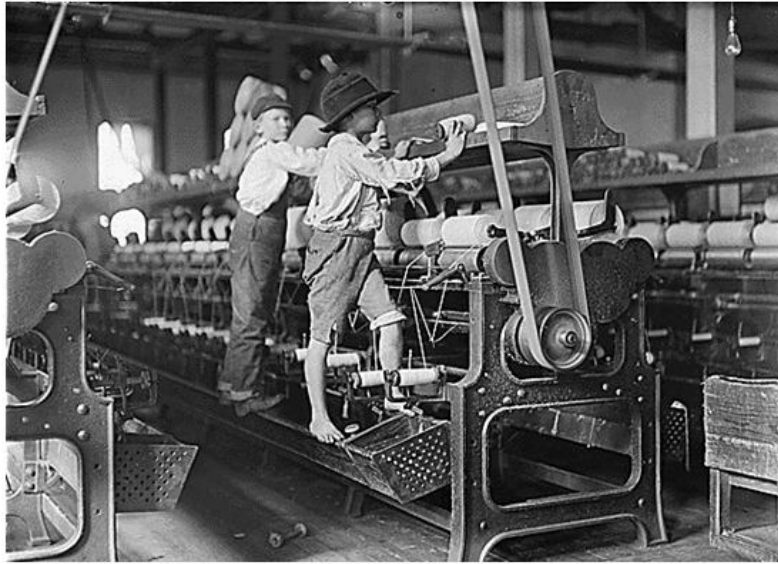
3. What requirements did the Fair Labor Standards Act put into place?

- The Act set a work week of 40 hrs
- Wage was set at a minimum of .40/hour
- 18 yrs. Of age was minimum age for hazardous work
- Child labor was prohibited for children under age 16
- Minors older than 16 could work in non-hazardous occupations
- Children 14 & 15 could be employed in non-manufacturing, non-mining and non-hazardous occupations outside of school hours & during vacations for limited hours.

Lewis Hine video  
<http://www.learn360.com/ShowVideo.aspx?ID=141015>



Furman Owens, 12 years old. Can't read. Doesn't know his A,B,C's. Said, "Yes I want to learn but can't when I work all the time." Been in the mills 4 years, 3 years in the Olympia Mill. Columbia, S.C.



Some boys and girls were so small they had to climb up on to the spinning frame to mend broken threads and to put back the empty bobbins. Bibb Mill No. 1. Macon, Ga.



One of the spinners in Whitnel Cotton Mill. She was 51 inches high. Has been in the mill one year. Sometimes works at night. Runs 4 sides - 48 cents a day. When asked how old she was, she hesitated, then said, "I don't remember," then added confidentially, "I'm not old enough to work, but do just the same." Out of 50 employees, there were ten children about her size. Whitnel, N.C.





The overseer said apologetically, "She just happened in." She was working steadily. The mills seem full of youngsters who "just happened in" or "are helping sister." Newberry, S.C.



View of the Ewen Breaker of the Pa. Coal Co. The dust was so dense at times as to obscure the view. This dust penetrated the utmost recesses of the boys' lungs. A kind of slave-driver sometimes stands over the boys, prodding or kicking them into obedience. S. Pittston, Pa.



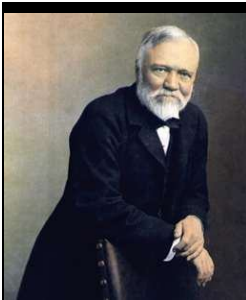
Day scene. Wheaton Glass Works. Boy is Howard Lee. His mother showed me the family record in Bible which gave his birth as July 15, 1894. 15 years old now, but has been in glass works two years and some nights. Millville, N.J.



Children on the night shift going to work at 6 p.m. on a cold, dark December day. They do not come out again until 6 a.m. When they went home the next morning they were all drenched by a heavy, cold rain and had few or no wraps. Two of the smaller girls with three other sisters work on the night shift and support a big, lazy father who complains he is not well enough to work. He loafs around the country store. The oldest three of these sisters have been in the mill for 7 years, and the two youngest, two years. The latter earns 84 cents a night. Whitnel, N.C.



Fish cutters at a Canning Co in Maine. Ages range from 7 to 12. They live near the factory. The 7 year old boy in front, Byron Hamilton, has a badly cut finger but helps his brother regularly. Behind him is his brother George, age 11, who cut his finger half off while working. Ralph, on the left, displays his knife and also a badly cut finger. They and many youngsters said they were always cutting themselves. George earns a \$1 some days usually 75 cents. Some of the others say they earn a \$1 when they work all day. At times they start at 7 a.m. and work all day until midnight.



*"We are the trustees of what funds  
we are temporarily given on this  
earth. May we share those with  
others..." ~ Andrew Carnegie*



*"The world owes no man a  
living but owes every man  
an opportunity to make a living."*

~ John D. Rockefeller





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